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REMARKS

Claims 1-30 of the application stand rejected. Claims 1, 8, 13, 19 and 26 have been amended herein to more clearly define the scope of the presently claimed invention. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of pending Claims 1-30 in light of the amendments and remarks herein.

35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1-30 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as anticipated by Iwazaki, U.S. Patent No. 6,687,742 (hereafter "Iwazaki"). The Examiner submits that Iwazaki teaches all the elements of independent Claims 1, 8, 13, 19 and 26. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

With respect to independent Claim 1, the sections of Iwazaki that the Examiner highlight do not make any mention of an electronic mail file with *combined electronic mail data and meta-data information*, and a *header with links to information capable of monitoring changes in the variable meta-data information as well as capable of identifying a location of the electronic mail data within the electronic mail file* (emphasis added). FIG. 4 and the accompanying text in Cols. 6 and 7 (the portions cited by the Examiner) do not make any mention of either element of amended Claim 1. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that Iwazaki does not anticipate Claim 1.

With respect to independent Claim 8, the Examiner merely states that the claim is rejected for the same reasons as Claim 1. Applicant respectfully submits that Iwazaki does not teach the elements of Claim 8. Specifically, Iwazaki does not disclose combining into a *single file* electronic mail data *and* variable meta-data information, *monitoring changes to the meta-data information with a header*, and monitoring a *location of the electronic mail data within the electronic mail file with the header* (emphasis added). The Examiner does not point to any section in Iwazaki to support the rejection, and relies instead of the detailed rejection of Claim 1. The sections highlighted by the Examiner to support the rejection to Claim 1, however, do not disclose any of these elements of amended Claim 8. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that Iwazaki does not anticipate Claim 8,

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With respect to independent Claims 13 and 19, both are directed to computer readable media. Again, the Examiner merely states that these claims mirror Claim 1 and relies on the sections of Iwazaki previously highlighted to support the rejection. Applicant strongly disagrees. Claims 13 and 19 are directed to a media capable of sending and receiving electronic mail files according to embodiments of the present invention. Iwazaki does not disclose at least the element of an electronic mail file comprising electronic mail data combined with meta-data information, the electronic mail file further comprising a header with links to the meta-data information and a location of the electronic mail data, as claimed in amended Claims 13 and 19. Iwazaki additionally does not disclose the remaining elements of both claims. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that Iwazaki does not anticipate Claims 13 and 19.

With respect to Claim 26, the Examiner suggests that portions of Col. 6 and Col. 7 of Iwazaki disclose the claimed elements. Again, Applicant respectfully disagrees. Specifically, as previously described, Iwazaki does not disclose at least the element of electronic mail file including combined electronic mail data and variable meta-data information, and a header containing links to the meta-data information and a location of the electronic mail data within the electronic mail file. The sections of Iwazaki highlighted by the Examiner do not disclose at least this element of amended Claim 26. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that Iwazaki does not anticipate Claim 26.

Finally, with respect to all the dependent claims, Applicant respectfully submits that since these claims all depend on independent Claims 1, 8, 13, 19 and 26, the dependent claims incorporate the elements not taught by Iwazaki. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that Iwazaki also does not anticipate the dependant claims in the application. Applicant therefore respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw the 35 U.S.C. § 102 rejections to pending Claims 1-30.

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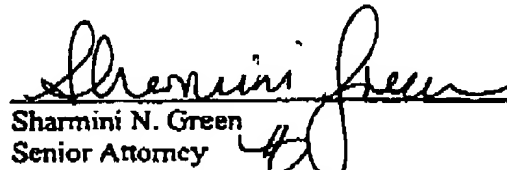
CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the applicable objections and rejections have been overcome and that pending Claims 1-30 are in condition for allowance. Applicant therefore respectfully requests an early issuance of a Notice of Allowance in this case. If the Examiner has any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (310) 406-2362.

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Respectfully submitted,

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